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REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4, 6 and 8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 102(b) as being anticipated by Keller, U.S. Patent Number 6100361, assigned to Callaway Golf Company. Claims 11 and 14-15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Keller in view of Lutz, U.S. Patent Number 5977417.

Both Keller and Lutz disclose coatings for golf balls. The claims of the present application are limited to a cover, a mantle or a core for a golf ball. A coating for a golf ball is applied over the cover of the golf ball with a paint-like thickness. The amended claims of the present application have been amended to include a thickness limitation for the cover and the mantle layer, support for which is found at page 17, line 27 of the Specification.

Further, Keller specifically states that "the coating system is applied to the outer surface of the golf ball" and that "the outer surface may be either the cover of the golf ball or, more typically, a primer coat that has been applied to the cover of the golf ball." See Column 7, lines 15-19. Yet further, Keller and Lutz cannot be combined. Keller teaches a coating that has an isocyanate blend carried in a solvent. Lutz teaches using a "solvent-free isocyanate prepolymer." See column 7, line 58.

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Thus, it is believed that the amended claims are patentable over the prior art. The Applicants therefore respectfully solicit a Notice of Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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